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CONSTANTINOPLE AND THE GOLDEN HORN.

this town a railway proceeds south-eastwards, and will probably in time be continued along the upper valley of the Tigris to Baghdad, and then along the lower valley of the Euphrates to the head of the Persian Gulf. The chief port on the Black Sea is Trebizond.

Off the west coast of Asia Minor there are numerous islands, which form part of the Turkish possessions and are noted for sponge fisheries. To the south of the Ægean Sea lies the island of Candia or Crete, which enjoys an autonomous administration under a High Commissioner, but is subject to the suzerainty of the Sultan. The recent excavations of ancient buildings on this island have shown that it must have early become the home of a highly civilized people, probably on account of its fertility and intermediate position between such cultured nations as Egypt, Phœnicia, and Greece.

QUESTION.

- 1 What effect do you think the Baghdad Railway, when completed, may have on the Suez Canal traffic?